

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1. (Original) A back check for use in a piano for locking a hammer in a pivotal movement for returning after said hammer has struck a string to prevent said hammer from rebounding, said back check comprising:

a back check body disposed at a location at which said hammer is locked, extending in a vertical direction, and having an adhering surface which rises in a central portion thereof in the vertical direction;

an under felt adhered on said adhering surface of said back check body; and

a sheet-like cushion material adhered to said back check body to cover said under felt, said cushion material being formed with a locking surface in a predetermined curved shape conformal to said adhering surface for locking said hammer.

Claim 2. (Original) A back check for a piano according to claim 1, wherein said back check body comprises at least one of a hole or a recess formed therein for reducing the weight thereof.